

Chet believes that the 2nd Amendment guarantees the right of individual citizens to own and use firearms. As a member of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus and throughout his years in Congress, Chet has strongly supported the Second Amendment.

Chet has voted with the NRA 100% on gun rights issues for many years and is proud to have received the NRA's endorsement for his strong defense of the individual's right to bear arms.

As a hunter and firearms owner, Chet values the right of citizens to lawfully own firearms for sport and self-defense. As a husband and a father, Chet believes the level of youth gun violence in our country is a serious concern, but Congress must continue to focus its efforts on cracking down on criminals who use or buy guns illegally instead of the our law abiding citizens.

Congressman Edwards' recent accomplishments include:

- Opposing reinstatement of the assault weapons ban and joined with dozens of other Members of Congress in urging the Justice Department to any initiative to reinstate the ban. Chet thinks that efforts should be focused on effective law enforcement strategies to enforce current laws against violent criminals and drug traffickers, not law abiding citizens.
- Supporting an amendment to the Credit Cardholders' bill of Rights Act that would allow law-abiding citizens to carry firearms in national parks and prohibits the enforcement of regulations that restrict an individual's right to carry a firearm in any unit of the National Park Service.
- Support of National Hunting & Fishing Day and that the president should issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe such a day with appropriate programs and activities. This national recognition encourages participation in hunting and fishing activities and commends hunters and fishermen for their contributions toward environmental study and conservation.
- Supporting the continuation of the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, which has helped make Texas communities safer without jeopardizing the fundamental Second Amendment rights of lawful citizens.
- Supports and has voted for legislation to repeal the gun ban in Washington D.C.
- Chet believes that we must ensure that those who commit violent crimes with a firearm should serve longer prison sentences and I have supported mandatory minimum sentences for criminals possessing firearms.
- Supports right to carry reciprocity legislation so that states recognize each others' right to carry laws and permits, similar to drivers' licenses.
- During the 109th Congress, Chet co-sponsored and voted in support of legislation H.R. 5013, The Disaster Recovery Personal Protection Act of 2006, which was introduced and

passed in response to the illegal confiscation of firearms during Hurricane Katrina.

- Cosponsored and supported, in 109th Congress, H.R. 5092, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) Modernization and Reform Act, which would add protections to ensure gun dealers are treated fairly by the BATFE.
- Co-sponsored H.R. 800, the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which prohibits any lawsuits from being brought in any State or Federal court making gun manufacturers liable for injuries caused by their weapons

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